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1. The NIEDERNEUENDORF (N 53/Z 65) branch of the "Maerkische Bau-Union" received an order to construct a new runway at the FINOW (N 53/V.08) airfield.

6 June 1949

2. a. The FINOW airfield had the following installations:

A large administration building, at the northern field border
Hangars for 10 aircraft
Repair hangars
Fuel dump

- b. The following aircraft were parked at the field :

7 biplanes behind the assembly shop at the northern border
About 50 twin-engine bombers in front of the assembly shop
5 obsolescent biplanes at the southern border.

- c. Flying was done only with two twin-engine, "Dakota" transport aircraft. According to local residents, there was never much flying.

- d. The quarters, located in the southern section of FINOW, which bordered on the airfield, were surrounded by barbed wire and a board fence. According to local residents, about two thousand men were quartered there.

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3. The landing field of the FINOW airfield was being expanded by 123 acres. Eight hundred workers working in two shifts were assigned to this work. The following aircraft were parked at the field:

10 single-engine fighters (in-line engine, single rudder

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assembly, trapezoidal wings, rounded off wing tips,
retractable landing gear)
About 40 twin-engine aircraft.

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4. a. At least 30 twin-engine bombers were parked at the southern border and two biplanes at the northern border. Except for a twin-engine, LC-3 transport plane which was about to land, there was no flying.
- b. The airfield personnel were quartered in the southern and southwestern sectors of FINOW.
- c. The construction work at the airfield was in full swing. The railroad track from FINOWFURT (N 53/Z 98) apparently was being expanded northwest of the airfield. A dam had been raised, and cement machines and iron girders were observed there. A wooden shed had been completed. A loading ramp apparently was under construction. It was inferred from the concrete mixers used at the landing field, that a runway was being constructed.

25X1 d. Motor vehicles [] were observed at the field.

5. [] Comment:

- 25X1 a. The occupation of the FINOW airfield has decreased considerably since May 1949. Part of the aircraft are assumed to have been transferred due to construction work at the field. Only one bomber regiment, apparently, has remained in FINOW. No information on the present location of the other regiment previously stationed in FINOW has been received (probably stationed in STRAUSBERG).
- b. This is the first information on construction work at the FINOW field. A concrete runway apparently is being built there.

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